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In my last letter to you, relating to the attitude of the Repub.n party, and of President Hayes, towards the Southern outrages, — a letter which I closed in haste, — I had intended to say, that I had felt much disappointment in that the prosecutions in S. Carolina, which had been so zealously, or at least promptly, commenced by the administration, had not been followed up at all, so far as I can ascertain. That they would be obstructed in every possible way is certain. All the more should they be vigorously pushed. Absolute defeat, open, distinct, & seen by the whole country, would go far to settle the question of future Southern domination; for it would prove the failure of the Pres.; confidence in the South, & demonstrate then to all eyes that violence & villainy had the complete control there. In such case, the North would be in no doubt as to its own position & duty. Whether the North has the manliness and pluck to resist these Southern deviltries and squelch them is what I am more uncertain about than I like to be.

With aff.e regard, Always Yrs.

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